



## LOOK BEFORE YOU LOCK

### Pledge to Prevent Child Heatstroke in Cars

Heatstroke in vehicles is **the leading cause** of all non-crash-related fatalities involving children 14 and younger. These deaths are completely preventable, and everyone in the community – especially parents and Head Start and child care providers – have roles to play in protecting our children.

**With 550 heatstroke deaths of children in hot cars since 1998, I am committed to doing everything I can to protect the child in my care.**

#### That's why, as a parent, I pledge to:

- Call my Head Start or child care provider if my child will be absent or arriving later than usual.
- Use these tips to remind myself there is a child in the vehicle:
  - ◆ Write myself a note and place it where I'll see it when I leave the vehicle.
  - ◆ Place my purse, briefcase, or something else I'm sure to need in the back seat so I'll see the child in the vehicle.
  - ◆ Keep an object in the car seat, such as a stuffed toy. Once the child is buckled in, I will place the object where I'll see it before leaving the vehicle.
- Notify the authorities immediately if I see a child left unattended in a vehicle.

#### That's why, as a Head Start or child care provider, I pledge to:

- Call the parent of the child in my care if the child doesn't arrive on time.
- Check every seat in a vehicle used to transport children to make sure there are no children remaining in the vehicle before I park and lock up.
- Notify the authorities immediately if I see a child left unattended in a vehicle.

